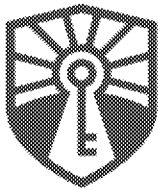


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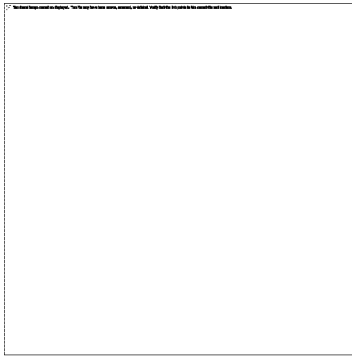
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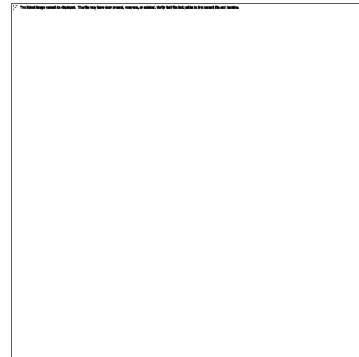
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EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced that his agency would no longer allow the use of "secret science" in developing federal regulations. Specifically, the agency will only use scientific studies to develop regulations when the data and methodology for those studies are made accessible to the public. Is there really a secret science or transparency problem that even needs to be addressed? If so, have there been attempts historically to correct the problem? What are the implications of excluding such studies? This presentation will provide background on this effort and discuss how transparency in government can be strengthened and better inform policymaking.

**Featuring:**

- **Daren Bakst**, Senior Research Fellow, Agricultural Policy, The Heritage Foundation
- **Richard Belzer**, Independent Consultant, Regulation, Risk, Economics & Information Quality
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## **Daren Bakst**

Daren Bakst studies and writes about agriculture subsidies, property rights, environmental policy, food labeling and related issues as The Heritage Foundation's research fellow in agricultural policy.

Mr. Bakst, who joined Heritage's Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies in May 2013, previously was a policy counsel for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where he focused on regulatory reform as well as food and agricultural policy. He worked for seven years at the Raleigh, N.C.-based John Locke Foundation, one of the largest state-based, free-market think tanks. As director of legal and regulatory studies there, he concentrated on property rights and environmental policy.

Mr. Bakst has appeared in or been quoted by media outlets such as The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The Washington Times, CNN and National Review Online.

He serves on the Federalist Society's Environmental Law & Property Rights and Administrative Law & Regulation Executive Committees and was previously a member of the Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force of the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Mr. Bakst, who hails from West Palm Beach, Fla., received his bachelor's and master's degrees from George Washington University. A licensed attorney, he holds a law degree from University of Miami and a master of laws degree from American University.

## **Richard Belzer**

Since 2001, Dr. Richard Belzer has been an independent consultant in regulation, risk, economics and information quality. Previously he was a visiting professor of public policy at Washington University in St. Louis and economist in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget. He

received his Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard University (1989), Master's in Public Policy (MPP) from the John F. Kennedy School of Government (now Harvard Kennedy School) (1982), and MS and BS degrees in agricultural economics from the University of California at Davis (1979, 1980). He is a regular contributor to scholarly professions through journal peer review and service to professional societies. He was elected Treasurer of the Society for Risk Analysis (1998, 2000) elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis (2008, 2010, 2012). He earned multiple awards for exemplary performance at OMB, the SRA's Distinguished Service Award (2003), and the SBCA's Richard O. Zerbo, Jr. Distinguished Service Award (2017). In 1995, he was named a Fellow of the Cecil and Ida Green Center for the Study of Science and Society. In 2017, Dr. Belzer completed a 2-year term as a member of the USEPA Science Advisory Board Panel on Economy-wide Modeling. He serves as a member of the RTP Energy and Environment Working Group.

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